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First report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Paul NOTERDAEME (Belgium)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 17 September 1991, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its forty-sixth session consisting of the following Member States: Belgium, Belize, Chile, China, Lesotho, Singapore, Togo, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee held its first meeting on 9 October 1991.

3. Mr. Paul Noterdaeme (Belgium) was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 8 October 1991, on the status of credentials of representatives to the forty-sixth session. The memorandum indicated that, as at 8 October 1991, credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as provided in rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, had been submitted by 117 Member States (Afghanistan, Albania, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Guinea, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Mongolia,

Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Singapore, Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia).

5. The Legal Counsel explained to the Committee that the Secretary-General's memorandum related solely to the Member States that had submitted formal credentials for their representatives in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. The Legal Counsel indicated also that at a later stage the Secretary-General would report to the Committee on the credentials of representatives of other Member States participating in the forty-sixth session whose formal credentials had not yet been received at the time of the Committee's first meeting.

6. The Chairman proposed that the Committee should adopt the following draft resolution:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in the memorandum of the Secretary-General dated 8 October 1991,

"Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the Member States concerned."

7. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

8. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution (see para. 10). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

9. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

10. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly

Approves the first report of the Credentials Committee.